

THE MYSTERY SOLVED.

Or, How Harry Rogers Won a Wife.

"Nonsense! I shall not marry at all."

"Why you certainly mean to marry John Brant?"

"Assuredly I do not. He is a passable fellow, that's all."

"Then it will be Harry Rogers."

"Never! Harry Rogers is not endurable with his mild ways and his meek courtesy."

"That is all to tell me, Miss May Saunders, but what will either of the gentlemen propose to you, and you will accept."

"They have both proposed, and both been refused in the past twenty-four hours. There now, what do you think of that? Haven't I just a little bit of spirit and independence?"

"Why, May Saunders, you are a silly girl to refuse either of these gentlemen. You have made the first great mistake of your life. Recede from what you have done, and accept one of the other of them."

"I will do no such thing. I'll live and die an old maid before I marry either of them, or any other man, for the matter of that."

"We will both live long enough to see things come out differently."

"Oh, I hope we will both live to a ripe old age, but in the end you will find that I have kept my word."

This bit of a dialogue took place between my mate and Miss May Saunders, and myself on her twenty-fourth birthday, and I had been rallying her because she only had one more milestone to pass until she entered the domain of old maidhood. It all seemed so made for coming the word—and I had been advising her to marry before she crossed the borderland.

John Brant was bookkeeper and Harry Rogers was cashier in the bank of Iveson & Co., and both were excellent young men. I knew that both were devoted admirers of May, but I was greatly surprised to learn that both had proposed, and still more dismayed to learn that both had been rejected.

"Tell me, May," I said, "what objection can you have to Harry Rogers? He is an exceptionally splendid young man, and no one stands higher in the public esteem in the whole town of Dayton."

"I presume," she replied, "that I dislike him because everybody praises him. He is snobbish, I grant it, and gentle and courteous, and all that, but to my mind he lacks self-assertion, without which no man's manhood is complete or perfect."

"Well, that charge does not lie against John Brant. He has self-assertion enough for any one man—a little more, in fact, than I admire, but perhaps not too much to suit your taste and aim."

"John Brant is well enough so far as that goes. May I remind you, I do not mind telling you that I like him infinitely better than I do Harry Rogers, but not well enough to link my fate with his."

"And why not?"

"I can hardly tell. There is something about him that I cannot comprehend—something that is unfathomable, and a secret monitor whispers to

"I don't," cried May with an eager voice. "I don't account for it. There is only one man who can."

"Who is that?"

"Harry Rogers, the cashier. The money was in his custody, and he ought to know what became of it."

"John Brant, what do you mean?"

"Well, nothing only that Harry Rogers ought to know what became of the money in his charge."

"Oh, I can follow your meaning. Mr. Rogers is a very unscrupulous, if not unscrupulous, and without good grounds."

"There was something in May's voice which suggested to Brant that it was the part of discretion to drop the subject, and he quickly invented an excuse for saying good-evening."

After he had done so, he noticed that a letter had dropped from his overcoat pocket in the hall. The business envelope was addressed to "John Brant, care of Iveson & Co.," and its contents evidently related to his business affairs.

"If May had only examined the letter, and then it to her, she would have known that it was the letter which had placed the letter out of sight."

"But I am sure Harry Rogers is above any such base action."

"It was his first time he had ever heard a report on cash upon Harry Rogers, and instead of her becoming his advocate and defender."

"Two weeks passed and the case was no closer to the truth, but one day another similar amount was missing from the cash of the funds."

Again there was an anxious investigation with no result. At its conclusion Mr. Iveson said:

"This is the peculiar Mr. Rogers. You are responsible for the funds placed in your hands, and we all expect you to make the bank whole for the losses already sustained. When the bank opens to-morrow you will be expected to make good the loss, and then it will be decided whether you will longer continue as cashier."

"And if I fail to make good the loss," asked Mr. Rogers.

"Public will be given to the affair and a law will take its course. But until to-morrow not a word is to be spoken of this matter outside the bank."

Harry Rogers went home agitated and most sad. He knew he was innocent of wrong doing, but had to confess that all the circumstances were against him.

"He was barely able to make good the thousand dollars' loss, and to do so would be a confession that he had stolen the money."

John Brant found it convenient to call on May Saunders, and it was not long until he had told her of the second loss, and Mr. Iveson's suspicions, and the delicate position in which Harry Rogers had been placed.

"She could hardly find a word to say to him, and she was in a state of indecision, partly dispatched a note to Harry Rogers by a servant, requesting him to call on her at once and without failure."

He obeyed, but the unexpected summons did not soothe or allay his agitation. May dispensed with all preliminary niceties.

"On two different occasions within two weeks you have lost \$500 from the funds in your charge in the bank."

"That is true, but how come you to know it?"

"It does not matter how I found it out. And you are suspected of taking the money."

"Hardly so bad as that."

"It may not be as bad as that, but it is the meaning of it. You are required to make good the loss to-morrow morning. What answer are you going to make to that demand of the bank?"

"Harry Rogers didn't know how he would answer that demand until he looked into the depths of May's earnest blue eyes, and then he said with a firm and earnest voice:

"I shall tell them that I did not take the money, and, therefore, will not replace it."

"And then?" queried May with an eager voice.

"Then I will be arrested for theft and embezzlement."

"But you will not be convicted. You are innocent—I know that—and your innocence will be made to appear—how, is hard to tell, but I am confident as to the result. I respect you because you have the courage to vindicate your good name, and I am interested in this matter. You are not aware of it, but one-half the Iveson interest in the bank

belongs to me, and it is held in the name of Iveson in accordance with my father's will until a certain event occurs which possibly never may occur."

Harry Rogers went home bewildered. He had for years been one of May's employes without knowing it, and now he found in her a champion and a firm believer in his innocence.

When he visited the bank the next morning and declared his innocence of the suspicious against him, declined to make good the deficit, except on the judgment of the court and to prevent his bondsman from paying it, Mr. Iveson was shocked and angry, and finally told him of the secret.

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The wonder is that he did not sooner give way. An honest man in all things else, he was fairly with his physical resources. He was ever drawing upon this bank without ever depositing a collateral. The account overdrawn, the bank suspends and both are now in the hands of medical receivers.

It is not work that kills men. It is irregularity of habits and mental worry. No man in good health frisks at his work. By and by when the bank of vigor suspends, these men will wonder how it all happened, and they will keep wondering until their dying day unless, perchance, some candid physician or interested friend will point out to them how by irregularity, by excessive mental effort, by constant worry and fret, by plunging in deeper than they had a right to go, they have produced that loss of nervous energy which almost invariably expresses itself in a deranged condition of the kidneys and liver, for it is a well known fact that the poison which the kidneys and liver should remove from the blood, if left therein, soon knocks the life out of the strongest and most vigorous man or woman. Daily building up of these vital organs by so wonderful and highly reputed a specific as Warner's safe cure, is the only guarantee that our business men can have that their strength will be equal to the labor daily put upon them.

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